



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

**Service of Worship**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
**February 24, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**A Covenant Network Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
**An Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

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## **This Morning at Westminster**

**8:30 – 11:15 a.m.** The Holy Toast Café, in Community Hall, offers free coffee, tea, and fellowship. Breakfast items are available for one dollar per item.

### **Deacon Team of the Month**

Jeff Argus, Roger Atkins, Barry Cobb, Louis Horton, Mary Lou McDowell, Josh Thomas, Debbie Wise

**8:45 – 12:15 p.m.** Nursery Care

**9:00 – 9:55 a.m.** Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. We also provide additional opportunities for children to grow in faith. Children are escorted to classes after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN during worship.

- ❖ **Godly Care** – Children ages 2 through 4 in Preschool Suite C.
- ❖ **Godly Play 1** – Children in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the Ruth Christie Room.
- ❖ **Sing-to-Praise Choir Program** – Children in grades 3 through 6 in the Youth Music Room.

**All children who leave the sanctuary** after TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN must have a completed yellow security label on their backs. If you do not find a security label in the pew pocket, you can obtain one in the Preschool Suite. This policy is for your child's protection. Children will only be released to a guardian or an adult pre-approved by the guardian. Thank you for your help.

<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Education for All Ages</b>	
	➤ Sunday School for Preschoolers	Preschool Suite C
	➤ Joyful Noise Choir Program Grades K – 2	Youth Music Room
	➤ Creation Station for Grades 3 – 8	Art Room 4
	➤ High School and Confirmation Class	Classroom 7
	➤ Sunday Seminars	see page 7
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Living Mosaics Worship</b>	Rodney Chapel
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fellowship Time after Living Mosaics</b>	Meeting Room

### **Later Today**

5:00 p.m.	180° Dinner and Fellowship	Classroom 6/Community Hall
6:00 p.m.	Clean But Not Straight – NA	Club Room
8:00 p.m.	AA	Club Room

**The mission of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians** is to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ, with the help of God's grace by working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.



**Westminster is certified as an “Earth Care Congregation”** by the Presbyterian Church (USA). This honor means that we have exhibited exceptional leadership in protecting God's creation and being good stewards of earth's resources through our worship, education, outreach and advocacy. Only 2% of the 10,000 Presbyterian congregations in this country have earned this honored distinction.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anna Mae Robinson, Harry Robinson and Virginia Haycock from Charlie Ingersoll and Dick Jolly.

Consider giving the flowers for Sunday worship to remember or honor loved ones or to celebrate an event, while expressing praise and thanksgiving to God. Please contact Linda Watson during business hours at 302-571-6719 or [lwatson@ycst.com](mailto:lwatson@ycst.com) for available dates. The next available dates are March 10, 17 and 24; April 14.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND PRAYER

Please remember in your prayers:

- ❖ **Recently hospitalized:** Sandi Evans and Natalie Freeman.
- ❖ **Those unable to attend worship on a regular basis** by sending a card, saying a prayer, or visiting. This week we ask you to remember Tom Ford at home and Leucia Venable at Lodge Lane.
- ❖ **Westminster's Prayer Team** prays for the needs of our community of faith. You may submit a prayer request by leaving a confidential message on 302-654-5848, ext. 335; or filling out a prayer request card (in the pew pocket) and placing it in the offering plate; or sending an email to [wpcprayerlist@gmail.com](mailto:wpcprayerlist@gmail.com).

**Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria often seem far away**, and we may neglect to realize that Americans, as well as Afghans, Iraqis, Syrians and members of coalition forces continue to die. As Christians, we are called to pray for the spreading of peace and justice and an end to violence. If someone in your family is serving in the military, please let us know, so that we may include that person on our prayer list. Contact Cathy Lang: 302-654-5214 ext. 129, or [cathylang@wpc.org](mailto:cathylang@wpc.org).

**This week we pray for:**

- The families of those from the U.S. who have died recently:  
Civilian Scott A. Wirtz, age 42, from St. Louis, Missouri.  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jonathan R. Farmer, age 37, from Boynton Beach, Florida.
- Those suffering from Traumatic Stress Disorder, whose scars may be deep and long-lasting.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Easy-to-use assisted listening devices** may be found in the back of the sanctuary and the side entrance off the main hallway.

**Worship Resources** – You can obtain large print hymnals and listening devices from any usher. Worship bags for children ages 3 through 6 include a children's bulletin designed for them. Children's bulletins for ages 7 through 12 are also available from the ushers.

**Are you wearing a nametag?** Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church family, wearing a nametag provides others the opportunity to meet you, greet you by name, and for you to become more familiar with others at church. You will find nametags and markers in baskets at all major entrances.

**You can make a contribution** to Westminster Presbyterian Church by visiting our website [www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org) and click the "Donate Now" button or scan the QR code on your smart phone



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

TOWER CHIME

Sue Spilecki

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Waking up this morning, I smile.  
Twenty-four brand new hours are before me.  
I vow to live fully in each moment  
and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion.*

– Thich Nhat Hanh

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder, located at the end of the pew, to the person next to you.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Voluntary in D major

John Stanley

CALL TO WORSHIP

All who are in Christ are new creations.  
**Everything old has passed away and the new has come.**  
This is from God, who reconciled us through Christ,  
**and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

\*HYMN NO. 755

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

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OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we give thanks for our community of faith  
where you assure us of your immeasurable love for us  
and provide opportunities to share your love with others.  
Through words of Scripture and your Spirit whispering in our soul,  
may we discover the work that is ours to do,  
and summon the courage to carry it out.  
Embolden us to resist evil, injustice, and violence;  
inspire us to speak the truth, to show respect, and to live generously;  
and energize us to spread joy, create beauty and foster hope.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Children through Grade 6 may leave for Godly Care, Godly Play 1, and Sing-to-Praise Choir,  
or they may remain in worship.*

*Passages in **bold** print may be said by all. At the asterisk (\*), please stand as you are able.*

## ANTHEM

“Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake”

Richard Farrant

Lord, for Thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

## SERMON

Greg Jones

## \*HYMN NO. 731

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”

REPTON

## OFFERING

*“Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.”*  
(Proverbs 11:24)

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Soon Ah Will Be Done”

arr. William L. Dawson

## BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

Jill Getty

*The shawls to be blessed were knitted by members of Close Knit: Liz Bacon, Charlotte Bispham, Barbara Fedeler, Mary Field, Sue Linderman, Pam Mann, Carol Shelly, and Sue Weissinger. Close Knit is open to all. Join them on the first and third Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the Ruth Christie Room. Beginners are welcome.*

These prayer shawls were created to bring warmth to someone who feels a chill.

**They were knitted to bring comfort to someone who feels alone.**

They were designed to bring peace to someone who is struggling.

**They were hand made to bring joy to someone who is sad.**

May those who receive a shawl feel bolstered by God’s love, encouraged by our concern, and supported by the prayers of our church.

**May those who wrap themselves in a prayer shawl  
feel the loving embrace of God’s Spirit.**

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

LORD’S PRAYER (page 35 in our *Glory to God* hymnal, using “debts” and “debtors”)

## \*HYMN NO. 771

“What Is the World Like”

NEW WORLD

## BENEDICTION

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Scherzo

Alan Ridout

## GOING FORTH

*If you are visiting with us and wish to learn more about our church family, we invite you to meet today’s ambassador, Ellie and Don Furry, at the back of the center aisle following the service. They are happy to share information about our many programs for children, youth and adults.*



## ***Sunday Seminars***

### ***Holy Partnership: Drawing Closer to Your Divine Companion***

Classroom 5

Presenter: Chris Hyde

This program will explore how the mystics' experiences of divine companionship fits with modern psychology. The experiences of Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Julian of Norwich will be woven together with psychologists like Richard Schwartz (Internal Family Systems). This program uses didactic teachings, metaphors, images, poetry, music and experiential activities to explore how the insights of the mystics can help us as we face our human struggles and dreams.

### ***The Gospel of Mark – Part 2***

Today thru March 3

Classroom 6

Presenter: Greg Jones

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? How do his teachings speak to us today?

Join us for an in-depth look at the teachings of Jesus, the final week of his life, and the enigmatic ending of this gospel. We will focus on the last half of the Gospel of Mark, but knowledge of the first half of this gospel is not essential.



# A S H

## W E D N E S D A Y

### March 6, 2019

**Worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary**  
**Soup supper in Community Hall following worship**

## *New to Westminster?*

### **Welcome! We are so glad you are here.**

Here is some information you might find helpful:

- Hymnals are located on a shelf under the pew in front of you, or at the ends of the pew. Please join us in singing!
- A red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew will be passed during the service. We hope you will sign it and let us know how we can welcome you with a follow-up contact.
- There will be an Ambassador at the back of the church at the end of worship, who would love to answer any questions you might have or give you more information about Westminster.
- For more information about our community of faith, sign up for our weekly e-newsletter from the home page of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)) or contact the Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson at [sniesenthompson@wpc.org](mailto:sniesenthompson@wpc.org) or (302) 654-5214 ext. 103.



**Please join us for coffee or tea in Community Hall after the service.**  
**Ask someone to show you the way!**

#### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Gregory Knox Jones, Head of Staff  
Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor  
Jill Getty, Pastoral Care Assistant

#### **MUSIC STAFF**

Paul Fleckenstein, Organist/Director of Music  
Sandie Reinicker, Interim Director of Children's Music  
Allison Martin, Assistant Director of Children's Music  
Soloist/Section Leaders: Hye Eun Choi, Sharon Babcock, Jason Berger, Brenton Mattox

#### **DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES:** Teisha Fooks

Nursery: Beatrice Taylor, Kristen Wolanski

#### **YOUTH LEADERS**

Tommy Neilson  
Josh Cox, Chris Hickey, Emily Knepper, Molly McPheeters

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#### **SESSION**

Karen Beer, Ty Burns, Sally Buttner, Chad Chandler, Karen Dietz,  
Rich Diver, Michael Enderle, Peter Gildner, Cathy Higgins, Carol Hogue, Barbara Jobe, Kelly McCulloch,  
Mark Mosher, Jan Patrick, Todd Piercy, Margo Reign, Roger Reinicker, Carrie Saathoff, Kent Smith,  
Janet Steinwedel, Barb Stratton, Mary Vane, Susan Williamson, Helen Zumsteg

#### **BOARD OF DEACONS**

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